

## **Press Release**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office is currently accepting applications for their Community Watch Training Academy. The "Community Watch" program is comprised of neighborhoods, much like your own, that have decided to insure the safety of their community by forming a partnership with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office. Volunteers wear uniforms that proudly display to any potential criminal that they are the eyes and ears of law enforcement within this community. Volunteers also patrol neighborhoods in a Sheriff's Office vehicle and complete a 40 hour training academy.

The Community Watch Program emerges as a most effective approach to residential safety, awareness and involvement. The Community Watch Program serves as a strong deterrent against unlawful actions of potential criminals. Considerable credit for the reduction of crime rates is attributed to the presence of the Community Watch on the streets of participating neighborhoods, plus the continuous vigilance of individual Patrol members.

Applicants must be; at least 18 years old, a United States Citizen, possess a Valid Driver's License, and must be able to pass a Criminal Background check. Applications can be downloaded at [www.sheriff.fairfield.oh.us](http://www.sheriff.fairfield.oh.us) or please call (740)652-7902 and ask for Sergeant Hamler.